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REPRODUCTION APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR PROVIDING USER MODIFIABLE PROTECTION OF DATA REPRODUCTION (as

amended)

AMENDMENT IN SUPPORT OF REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the Final Official Action mailed May 4, 2004, enclosed herewith is a Request for Continued Examination. The present amendment is provided in support of said Request.

Amendment to the Specification begins on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page of this paper.

Remarks relevant to the present response begin at page 14 of this paper.